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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-4-37

SUBJECT: LTP – GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM

Purpose. To provide additional information on the 2004 Grassland Reserve Program.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

Attached to this bulletin is another news release that field staff can use to promote the FY2004 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). This release indicates that August 2<sup>nd</sup> has been established as the 2004 Minnesota GRP application scoring cut-off date. The GRP is jointly run by FSA and NRCS. Employees of both agencies are encouraged to assist producers with the application sign-up process.

Mao Thao in the NRCS State Office is sending each District Conservationist, via e-mail, individually addressed letters to all unapproved 2003 GRP applicants. DC's should sign and mail these letters, along with the latest GRP Fact Sheet.

Also attached is the 2004 GRP conservation planning criteria for tentatively approved applicants. Prior to final program enrollment, all approved applicants will be required to develop a grazing plan and a CRP contract. These documents will detail the required management actions producers must implement to conform with GRP guidelines.

Direct questions related to the GRP to Howard Moechning or Lance Smith, Grazing Specialist.

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Attachments

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